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Wednesday, June, 19, 2006

State Planning Project for the Uninsured Advisory Council Meeting

Capitol View Building, 1st Floor
201 Townsend Street
Lansing, Michigan 48913

Members Present: Elaine Beane, Michigan Public Health Institute (ex-officio member); Paul Duguay, Michigan Association of Health Plans; Rob Fowler, Small Business Association of Michigan; Mary Ellen Howard, Free Clinics of Michigan; Jan Hudson, Michigan League for Human Services; Kevin Kelly, Michigan State Medical Society; Marjorie Mitchell, MI Universal Health Care Action Network; Joan Moiles, Department of Labor and Economic Growth; Kevin Seitz, BCBSM; Kimberly Singh, Michigan Association for Local Public Health; Amy Shaw, Michigan Manufacturers Association; Stephen Skorcz, Greater Flint Health Coalition; Pam Yager, Governor's Office; Lody Zwarenstyn, Alliance for Health

Alternates Present: Brian Broderick, Economic Alliance for Larry Horwitz; Patience Drake-Rosenbaum, Michigan Consumer Health Coalition for Beverley McDonald; Sarah Fink, Michigan Health & Hospital Association for Spencer Johnson; Sandy Hudson, Detroit-Wayne County Health Authority for Chris Allen; Bob Parks, School-Community Health Alliance for Deb Brinson; Pooja Naik, Michigan State Medical Society; Dennis Paradise, Michigan Osteopathic Association for Susan Sevensma; Hollis Turnham for Steve Gools at AARP of Michigan; Ed Wolking, Jr., Detroit Regional Chamber for Sebastian Wade; Lynda Zeller, Access to Care Community Coalition for Collette Scrimger; Jane Zwiers, Free Clinics of Michigan.

Members Absent: Vernice Davis Anthony, Greater Detroit Area Health Council; William Black, Michigan Teamsters Joint Council # 43;; Jan Christensen, MDCH; Marge Faville, SEIU Local 79; Denise Holmes, Michigan State University; Tim McGuire, Michigan Association of Counties; Kim Sibilsky, Michigan Primary Care Association

Others Present: Jackie Doig, Center for Civil Justice; Steve Fitton, MDCH; Del Malloch, Jackson Health Plan Corp-3-Share; Dick Miller, MDCH; Michelle Munson-McCorry, Complete Compassionate Care; Sue Moran, MDCH; Janet Olszewski, MDCH; Gary Packingham, Muskegon Access Health; Rick Nowakowski, Wayne County Four Star; Valerie Przywara, Henry Ford Health System; Don VeCasey, MCHCC; Fran Wallace, DLEG; Leah Wawro, Governor's Office; Carolyn Weiner, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan; Susan Yontz, MDCH

MDCH Staff: Umbrin Ateequi, Lonnie Barnett, Ken Miller, Ellen Speckman-Randall

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Kevin Seitz called the meeting to order. Introductions were made around the room.
- II. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved by consensus.
- III. **Approval of Minutes from May 24th:** The minutes were approved by consensus.

Michigan First Healthcare Plan: Steve Fitton from the Medical Services Administration provided an overview of Michigan First. He noted that the policy roundtable run by Altarum was very informative. Steve then led the first formal structured stakeholder input session about Michigan First. He requested that the Advisory Council focus on the subsidized

population since this group will be covered by Michigan First initially. A lively discussion about benefit design, cost sharing, marketing strategies, managed care, the Exchange, eligibility criteria, enrollment processes, and crowd-out was held.

IV. **On-going Entity:** Rob Fowler gave a brief overview of the discussions of the Successor Council Workgroup, which included that the Successor Council:

- Be more of a think tank than into advocacy,
- Focus on the uninsured,
- Have an inclusive membership,
- Be long-term,
- Have members who are more dedicated to solving the problems of uninsurance than in protecting their constituency,
- Have a small governing group with large workgroups,
- Use foundation funds to launch the organization, and perhaps to hire staff, and
- Be a membership organization with consideration for those who couldn't pay a membership fee.

Articles of Incorporation and discussions with funders are underway.

Comments:

The council needs a mission statement that focuses on issues of uninsurance, but with the realization that over time it will deal with issues of health care quality, cost and access.

The Successor Council will initially work on implementing the SPG recommendations.

Altarum had wonderful group that was key to developing a plan in Massachusetts which was used as a blueprint or roadmap. The Successor Council could do this same thing in Michigan.

One council member stated he would like more consumer representation on the Successor Council. However, it was agreed that it is difficult to get consumers and members of the public to discuss policy issues on a long-term basis.

It was suggested that the current workgroup for the Successor Council could function as an Executive Committee to get the council underway and the full SPG Advisory Council could be a transitional council so we don't lose momentum.

The philosophy should be that anyone who wants to participate and will do so, should be permitted to participate.

An Executive Committee will have to be named soon, so the Articles of Incorporation can be drafted.

The Successor Council Workgroup will meet again. It was requested that Advisory Council members get their comments about the Successor Council to members of the workgroup.

Some organizations around the table would like to commit seed money.
Stephen Skrocz is willing to commit \$5000 from his organization.
Kevin Kelly will commit \$5000 from MSMS.

- V. **Update on SPG Reports:** The State Planning Project for the Uninsured Advisory Council Recommendations are final. Advisory Council members agreed that the recommendations can be shared publicly as a product of this Council.

The MDCH press release announcing the release of these recommendations is expected within the next day or two. The press release will be shared with Council members ASAP so that members can prepare their own press release and also be prepared for media inquiries.

A clean electronic version of the final recommendations will be sent to the Advisory Council members.

The Household and Employer Surveys will be released in the near future, as will the Focus Group and Town Hall meeting reports. When they receive final approval, they will be sent to Advisory Council members and posted on the SPG website.

- VI. **Member and Project Updates :** None

- VII. **Public Comment:** None

- VIII. **Other Business/Meeting Evaluation:** There was discussion about convening the Advisory Council for another meeting to receive an update on and provide further input into Michigan First and to have further discussion on the Successor Council. Concern was expressed that the momentum generated through this Project could be lost if the group doesn't continue to meet. An additional meeting will be scheduled in August.

- IX. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:30.